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REMARKS

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1. From 1 to 10 July 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) was again occupied by 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 200 troops were drilling at squad level and practiced aiming with four 76.2-mm guns on 3 and 5 July. Sixteen canvas-covered 76.2-mm AA guns were still parked along the north side of the billeting area during the period of observation. (1)

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2. The Buelow Kaserne still quartered not more than 50 soldiers who wore tank and artillery insignia. (2)

3. The northeastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne seemed to have been completely vacated. (3) Only sometimes were 2 or 3 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets observed there, who seemed to belong to the unit in the southwestern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne, where about 900 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets were quartered. About half of the troops were recruits. From 250 to 300 soldiers were engaged in recruit drill and other training activity in the Kiesberge (hills) on 7 July, while about 200 troops stayed in the billeting area. (2)

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by only a rear unit of 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. No movements or vehicular traffic were observed on three days between 1 and 10 July. (2)

5. The Hofbauer Kaserne was occupied by a unit of about 40 men with red-bordered black epaulets at and after the end of June 1951. (4)

6. The Horn Kaserne, too, seemed to quarter only a rear unit of 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck [REDACTED] was seen leaving the billeting area. (2)

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7. The Ziethen Kaserne was also occupied by only a rear unit of 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Forty-two soldiers assembled in the barracks yard on 9 July. (2)

8. There were 60 to 30 soldiers with red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets in the Soviet komendantura on Puschkin Strasse.

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9. Although four units of about 150 men each had left the installation toward Rosengarten, training activity was still very intensive in the Artillerie Kaserne on 30 July. The installation seemed to quarter about 1,200 troops. Thirty trucks were being serviced in the barracks yard. (1)

10. Only rear units of 80 to 100 soldiers each were located in the Buelow Kaserne, the Horn Kaserne and the Ziethen Kaserne. The former PW processing camp adjoining the Horn Kaserne was vacant. The troops previously quartered there had apparently left for Lieberose. (2)

11. Between 13 and 18 July, troops were seen leaving for Lieberose aboard regular passenger trains at a rate of about 100 per day, and about the same number of troops returned from Lieberose by passenger trains during the afternoon hours. The incoming and outgoing troops used to march to and from the railroad station in small units of up to 30 soldiers, carrying hand baggage and small arms. Source could determine only that some of the troops involved in this exchange program had come from the former PW processing camp adjoining the Horn Kaserne. (5)

12. A train which was loaded in Lieberose for shipment toward Frankfurt/Oder on 19 July carried 10 truckloads of soldiers, 5 rail-type rocket launchers and 15 trucks

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13. On 28 June, 12 groups, averaging 15 soldiers were seen receiving infantry training in the Eichhorn Kaserne. A roll call held there on 13 July involved 15 officers and 150 EM.

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14. Eighteen groups, of 10 to 12 soldiers each, were drilling and engaged in firing and signal practice at the Artillerie Kaserne on 28 June. Two units, each of 5 or 6 officers and 130 EM, assembled in the barracks yard and were reported to a colonel on 4 July. Fifteen artillery pieces of an undetermined type were parked in the northern section of the billeting area between

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(1) The information [ ] on the Artillerie Kaserne agrees with previously reported observations from 5 to 8 July 1951

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(2) According to coinciding information by the various sources, the situation in the barracks installations specified has remained unchanged since the previous report. [redacted] 25X1

(3) Same source reported the northern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne to have been occupied to capacity until 20 June 1951. [redacted] 25X1

(4) [redacted] 25X1  
 (4) The first and the second source reported the Hofbauer Kaserne served as transient quarters for personnel going on, or returning from, furlough until the end of June 1951. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] The present report indicates that leave traffic there has ceased. 25X1

(5) Same source made similar observations in July 1950. [redacted]  
 Reports by three other sources [redacted] support the impression that the replacement of troops continued during the first half of July 1951. [redacted]  
 [redacted] It is doubted that the troops observed should have been exchanged only between Lieberose and Frankfurt/Oder, as is stated in the present report. It is possible that the incoming shipments had come from the direction of Cottbus via Lieberose, because no movements of this kind have been reported from Lieberose until 14 July 1951.

(6) [redacted] the train carried a component of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. A report by another source stated that elements of the regiment were loaded in Eberswalde on 6 and 16 July 1951, with the first shipment going to Jueterbog, however. [redacted]

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